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SUBJECT: ALLIANCE EAST-WEST STUDY - ASSESSMENT

REFS: A) LONDON 16234 B) STATE 226334 C) USNATO 7834  
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1. THIS TELEGRAM CONTAINS GUIDANCE FOR EMBASSY LONDON'S  
RESPONSE TO BRITISH CONCERNS THAT PARTICIPATION OF UK  
AMBASSADOR KILLICK IN THE DRAFTING OF THE ASSESSMENT  
SECTION (PART TWO) OF THE ALLIANCE EAST-WEST STUDY WILL  
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PRODUCE AN UNNECESSARILY HARDLINE RESULT UNLESS THERE IS  
AN AMERICAN PARTICIPANT (REFTEL A).

2. EVEN IF DUFF-PALLISER VIEW OF KILLICK REFLECTS  
FCO THINKING AS A WHOLE, WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT NATO,  
AND US, CLEARANCE MECHANISMS ARE MORE THAN ADEQUATE  
TO ASSURE THAT FINAL PRODUCT WILL BE SOUND AND COMPLETE.

FURTHER, WE DO NOT WISH TO BE PLACED IN A POSITION  
BETWEEN AN ALLIED AMBASSADOR AND HIS AUTHORITIES.

3. FYI. AS THE ALLIES HAVE ALREADY BEEN INFORMED  
(REFTEL B), DR. SAMUEL HUNTINGTON, COORDINATOR OF  
SECURITY PLANNING AT THE NSC, IS SERVING AS A PRINCIPAL

U.S. ADVISOR ON THE ALLIANCE EAST-WEST STUDY AND WILL  
BE INCLUDED IN OUR DELEGATION TO THE NOVEMBER 10 HIGH  
LEVEL EXPERTS MEETING HEADED BY AMBASSADOR MARSHALL  
SHULMAN. WE CAN EXPECT DR. HUNTINGTON TO PLAY A  
VALUABLE ROLE, BOTH IN WASHINGTON AND BRUSSELS, AS  
THE STUDY DEVELOPS. WE WILL BE ASKING AMBASSADOR  
SVART, IN APPROPRIATE FASHION, IF WE MIGHT RECEIVE  
AN ADVANCE OF THE FIRST DRAFT OF THE ASSESSMENT AT  
THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY SO THAT AMBASSADOR  
SHULMAN AND DR. HUNTINGTON WOULD HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY  
TO REVIEW AND BE PREPARED TO MAKE A PROMPT INPUT  
TO IT. IN ADDITION, WE WOULD EXPECT THAT DR. HUNTINGTON  
WILL BE MEETING IN BRUSSELS WITH SVART AND OTHERS IN  
PREPARING THIS FIRST DRAFT FOR THE SPC, AND IN  
ADVISING FURTHER AS THIS PART OF THE STUDY PROCEEDS.  
END FYI.

4. THE FOLLOWING TALKING POINTS FOR EMBASSY LONDON'S  
DISCUSSION WITH FCO DEPUTY PERMANENT UNDER SECRETARY  
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DUFF COMBINE OUR THOUGHTS WITH THE VIEWS EXPRESSED  
BY USNATO IN REFTEL C:

A. WE HAVE REFLECTED ON YOUR REQUEST AND CONCLUDE  
THAT THE US WOULD PROVIDE A BETTER CONTRIBUTION TO  
THE FIRST DRAFT OF THE ASSESSMENT SECTION IF WE  
REMAINED IN POSITION FREE TO CRITIQUE IT. WE BELIEVE  
THE RESULTING DISCUSSION WOULD BE MORE STIMULATING  
FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS. AS WE HAVE ALREADY INDICATED  
IN BRUSSELS (REFTEL B), WE BELIEVE THE ALLIES SHOULD  
NOT REPEAT NOT BE STRIVING FOR CONSENSUS AT THE OUTSET,  
BUT RATHER A FULL AND FRANK DISCUSSION IN NATO OF  
ANY DIFFERENCES OF VIEW WHICH MIGHT EMERGE.

B. DR. SAMUEL HUNTINGTON OF THE NSC STAFF WILL BE  
PREPARED TO PLAY AN ADVISORY ROLE, IF IT IS ACCEPTABLE  
TO THE ALLIES.

C. WE BELIEVE THAT WE MUST LEAVE TO THE FCO THE  
QUESTION OF AMBASSADOR KILLICK'S EXACT PARTICIPATION  
IN THE STUDY.

D. COPENHAGEN AND OTTAWA HAVE ALREADY AGREED TO  
AMBASSADORS SVART AND FORD'S PARTICIPATION (REFTELS C  
AND D). WE HOPE HMG WILL BE ABLE TO REACH ITS DECISION  
IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE, SO THAT THIS IMPORTANT ASPECT  
OF THE STUDY MAY BEGIN WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY - IN PARTI-  
CULAR, IN LIGHT OF THE RAPIDLY APPROACHING HIGH LEVEL  
EXPERTS MEETING (REFTEL E). VANCE

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